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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	17	Minus	21 =	0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	5	Minus	5 =	0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

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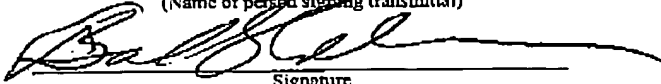
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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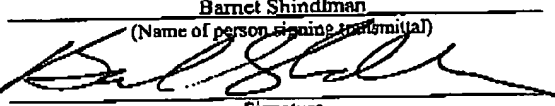
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on February 8, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 8, 2006, please amend to above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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